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TAGS: OTRA, UR (DOWNEY, ARTHUR T.)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH N. V. NIKITKIN

BUDAPEST FOR COMMERCE DAS DOWNEY

1. AT RECENT ANNUAL MEETING OF NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL IN NEW YORK, COMMERCE DAS DOWNEY MET VNESHOTORG BANK DEPUTY CHAIRMAN N.V. NIKITKIN WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND INSISTENTLY INVITED DOWNEY TO MEET WITH HIM WHILE IN MOSCOW FOR UPCOMING US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL BOARD MEETING. DOWNEY REPLIED THAT IF TIME PERMITTED HE WOULD VERY MUCH ENJOY ANOTHER MEETING.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, DOWNEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL'S S AND T COMMITTEE MEETING MORNING OF NOVEMBER 30. HE ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND TWO PLENARY

SESSIONS AFTERNOON OF NOV 30 AND MORNING OF DEC 1 AND WOULD PREFER TO BE PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS. THUS DOWNEY'S ONLY FREE TIME FOR NIKITKIN MEETING APPEARS TO BE AFTERNOON OF DEC 1 OR DEC 2 PRIOR TO 16:20 DEPARTURE. OTHER POSSIBILITIES MIGHT INCLUDE DINNER ON NOV 29, 30, OR DEC 1 OR LUNCH ON NOV 30 OR DEC 1 IF COUNCIL HAS NO CONFLICTING EVENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO OCCUPY DOWNEY AT THESE TIMES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASCERTAINING NIKITKIN'S AVAILABILITY DURING THIS PERIOD AND ARRANGING APPOINTMENT FOR DOWNEY. ROBINSON

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